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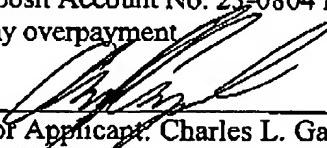
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In re application : WALTER KRAFT, ET AL.  
Application No. :  
Filed : Herewith  
For : LOCAL CHANGE OF AN IMAGE SHARPNESS OF  
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Examiner :  
Attorney's Docket : SCHSM-011XX

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It is desired to cite for the record in this application the enclosed references listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure Statement.

- [X] (1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1) and (2), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above identified national application or within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 of the above identified application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.

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- [ ] (3) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), applicant(s) believes the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, applicant(s) believes that no fee or statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is required.
- [ ] (4) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the attached Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by:
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- [ ] (6) The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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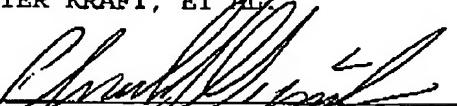
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These references were cited in a European Search Report (copy enclosed) which issued in European Application No. 01 102 804.0 filed February 9, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE*
	4,794,531	12/27/88	Morishita, et al.			
	5,357,353	10/18/94	Hirota			
	5,524,162	6/4/96	Levien			
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Filing or 371(c) Date:	02-08-2002	USPTO Delay (PTO) Delay (days):	710
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05-11-2006	Notice of Allowance Data Verification Completed		
05-11-2006	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
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05-04-2006	Response after Non-Final Action		
03-21-2006	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
02-07-2006	Mail Non-Final Rejection		
02-03-2006	Non-Final Rejection		
01-18-2006	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
01-09-2006	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	31	
01-18-2006	DISPOSAL FOR A RCE/CPA/129 (express abandonment if CPA)	↑	
01-09-2006	Request for Extension of Time - Granted	↑	
01-09-2006	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin	↑	
12-29-2005	Mail Advisory Action (PTOL - 303)	↑	
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12-13-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner	↑	
12-07-2005	Amendment after Final Rejection	↑	
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09-06-2005	Final Rejection		
07-01-2005	Date Forwarded to Examiner		
06-28-2005	Response after Non-Final Action	10~	
06-28-2005	Request for Extension of Time - Granted	↑	
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03-07-2002	Application Dispatched from OIPE	↑
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28 - 32 of claims and pg 33 of Abstract

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